GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF GEMSTONE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the smuggling of gemstone from mineral rich KBK districts in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the value of gemstone seized during each of the last three years, till date;

(c) the number of persons arrested in such cases during the said period with the action taken against them; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent of such smuggling?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI. S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): No case of smuggling of Gemstone from mineral rich KBK districts in Orissa has been reported by Customs field formations and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

(b),(c) and (d): Nil in view of (a) above.